

CPC TO WELCOME WORLD PARTNER VISITOR

Professor Ms. Lee Co Chung, from South Korea will be in Central Pacific Conference from April 20 through May 4 as part of a project sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Committee in cooperation with the Board for World Ministries. The project, Working with World Partners for Justice, Human Rights and Peace, has as its goal the education of the United Church of Christ as a more potent factor in the world Christian effort to secure human rights and to establish justice as the essential basis for world peace.

Part of the project is to bring to UCC congregations individuals and teams from critical human rights situations and areas to enable them to interpret the nature of human rights violations in their regions, to identify, where relevant, United States policy impacting the region and to cite the response of the church in their country to these situations.

Linda Minor, Forest Grove, a member of the BWM Corporate Board, has agreed to schedule Professor Chung's time in the Conference. She will be available to churches across the Conference. Potluck dinners, women's groups, adult study groups, community organizations are but a few of the appropriate settings for Ms. Chung's presentations. Churches will be asked to provide hospitality for this international visitor and to help provide transportation from one gathering to the next.

Churches interested in arranging for a presentation by Professor Chung should contact Linda Minor as soon as possible. Her address and phone number is in the Conference directory.

BOARD ACTS TO BALANCE BUDGET.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMMING CURTAILED.

STATIC LOCAL CHURCH OCWM SUPPORT CITED.

A proposed 1987 budget for the Conference, based on a Local Church OCWM Basic Support goal of \$260,000 had to be scaled down in light of the continuing plateau in OCWM giving from local churches. Faced with a combination of factors - a \$16,700 shortfall in support from local churches in 1987, a 1986 Conference budget deficit of almost \$13,000 and a Camp Adams deficit of \$10,000, and a loss of revenue from the Conference Sunday Offering originally proposed for continuation in 1987 but curtailed by the last Spring Assembly - the Board, upon the recommendation of the Financial Management Committee, voted to reduce the budget by \$34,300.

The reduction resulted in a \$20,000 cut to National OCWM support, cuts in the Conference program areas of \$14,398 and a reduction in the projected salary increase for the Conference ministers. Two program committees - Christian Nurture and Mission and Outreach - acting to reduce their budgets have curtailed some of their proposed activities and cut out or cut back on some projects they support. Among the programs curtailed are youth ministry, educational resources and events, church development and peace priority activities. Support for ecumenical ministries and community mission projects previously funded by Mission and Outreach have been curtailed.

(See related story on Camp Adams on page 2.)

1987 SPRING ASSEMBLY

Bethel Congregational Church, Beaverton

MAY 15-17

Keynote Speaker: GEORGE OTTO UCC Stewardship Council

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CPC WOMEN HONOR THREE FROM THE CONFERENCE

On February 6 the United Church of Christ Women of the Conference announced their selection of three women whom they had chosen to receive recognition in the Celebration for Gifts of Lay Women, an observance which will take place at General Synod 16 under the auspices of the Coordinating Center for Women in Church and Society.

The three honorees in Central Pacific are: Gayle Simpson, First Congregational Church, Boise; Joy Miller, Meridian UCC, Wilsonville; Helen Durham, First Congregational Church, Salem. Each of these women are being honored for the many years of selfless service and leadership they have contributed to their local church, the Conference and their communities.

Beverly Crossman, President of the CPC United Church of Christ women, in commenting on the selection said: "Their dedication to others serves as a model in mission and service. Willingness to give of themselves was reflected in the joy and appreciation expressed by their respective churches."

The women will be honored at the Spring Assembly at Bethel Congregational Church, Beaverton, May 15-17.

THIRD YEAR OF CAMP ADAMS DEFICIT, BOARD TAKES SERIOUS LOOK AT SITUATION

A Camp Adams deficit of \$10,500, the third in a succession of deficit years, coupled with a continuing slide in the use of the camp by Conference churches, has prompted the Financial Management Committee to ask the Board of Directors to take a serious look at this portion of the Conference mission. While recognizing the seriousness of situation to the on-going life and mission of the Conference, the Board, meeting on February 6-7, received but did not act on the recommendation of the Financial Management Committee that the camp be closed as of September 30, 1987 unless it was operating in the black.

The Board, acknowledging that through the actions of the Camp Adams Committee and Resident Manager the operating expense had been kept approximately \$14,000 under budget, also pointed out that the income was some \$28,000 shy of budgeted projections and sited that use by Conference churches continued to slide for the second year in a row. This prompted some Board members to wonder aloud if outdoor ministry really continues to be a mission of the churches of the Conference or, even if it is, whether the Conference can continue to support such a mission.


The Board did not take action on the Financial Management recommendation in light of the on-going work of the Camp Adams Long-Range Development Task Force which has been wrestling with the situation at the camp. A block of time will be allotted for a discussion of Camp Adams when the Conference gathers for Spring Assembly.

ONE GREAT HOUR SUPPORTS RELIEF

Most United Church of Christ congregations will observe and celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, March 29. This appeal for support of relief and development ministries overseas comes only once a year. But the work goes on every day.

Human needs worldwide continue to exceed available funds. One Great Hour of Sharing makes maximum use of the resources by concentrating upon the causes rather than the symptoms of hunger and sickness, and by cooperating with partner churches abroad.

On March 29, members of the Central Pacific Conference can share their gifts, in order to help ensure that "the leaves of the tree shall be for the healing of the peoples."



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Rev. 22:2
paraphrased

One Great Hour of Sharing

YOUTH TO GATHER FOR APRIL EVENT AT CAMP ADAMS;
HUMAN SEXUALITY AND CHRISTIAN VALUES TO BE THE FOCUS
Youth from the churches of Idaho, Washington and Oregon
will gather at Camp Adams the week-end of April 3-5, for
the Great Nate Creek Spring Get Away 2. Keynote speaker
for the event will be Claudia Webster, active Methodist
woman, who helped the Beaverton, Oregon, school
district develop its human sexuality education program
and most recently has developed for the Oregon State
Health Division its AIDS education program for the
schools. In addition to discussing human sexuality in the
context of Christian ethics, those involved in the Get
Away will have a chance to focus on human sexuality in
relation to the issues of discrimination, violence and the
media. The Planning Committee for the Get Away has
requested that the youth from each church be accompanied
by at least one adult since it is hoped that resources
suggested at Camp Adams can be developed in follow-up
programming when the youth return home.

The information and registration forms have been sent to
all CPC churches.

ANNUAL CHURCH LEADERS EVENTS PLANNED

The Nominations and Leadership Committee of the
Conference is sponsoring its annual Church Leaders Events
one at Wright Community Church, Boise, on a date yet to
be finalized, the other at First Congregational Church,
Salem, on April 11. Designed for church officers and
committee members - both new and continuing - these
events offer participants the opportunity to explore the
responsibilities of the positions they have assumed as
well as resources to enable them to carry out those
responsibilities.

The event in Boise will focus on church growth in the
bi-ethnic gathering time. The Idaho planning committee is
continuing in its work of recruiting leadership for this
event. The event in Salem will feature Don Essig of Don
Essig Human Resource Consultants, Eugene. Don, who grew
up in the Beavercreek UCC, is a member of First
Congregational Church, Eugene. In his keynote
presentation, "Either Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the
Way", designed for persons in leadership positions, Don
will help participants recognize their best management
abilities, support persons and techniques for leadership
effectiveness.

For complete information has been sent to Conference
churches. If you are interested in attending and have
not received the promotional materials, call the
Conference office for further information.

NEW AUDIO VISUAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE

With Hammers, Paint and Love is a new half-inch video
tape made available by the BHM Voluntary Service Program.
It covers a workcamping experience of a group of youth
and adults in Ohio.

The UCC Board for World Ministries has produced a 17-
minute presentation about the work of the Board. Entitled
Partners in Promise the 16mm film, accompanied by a study
guide, is intended to assist in interpreting the work of
the Board, promote Our Church's Wider Mission and One
Great Hour of Sharing, and inform church members of the
broad scope of the UCC's part in God's mission around the
world.

Share the Joy is the filmstrip produced to help churches
interpret the 1987 One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Where We Work is an 18 minute video tape produced by the
United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. It details
the Board's work and raises a number of issues about home
mission in the UCC. The half-inch videotape is
accompanied by a leaders guide.

The above audio-visuals are available to CPC churches
through the Interchurch Center Media Resource Library
which is supported by the Conference as well as several
other denominations to serve as the media resource for
CPC churches. CPC churches are encouraged to be member
congregations of the Library which provides a wide range
of filmstrip, video, 16 mm and audio tapes.

In Search of Reconciliation is a seven-session adult
study program for persons wanting to delve into a study
of the Middle East. The issues of that troubled part of
the world are explored through videotape interviews with
persons closely connected with that region, and
background articles. This program, comprised of a study
guide and a half-inch videotape is available for check-
out through the Conference office.

"All of Us Can Do Something" is the theme for the 1987
CENTRAL AMERICA WEEK to be observed March 21-29. A
resource packet containing educational and liturgical
resources has been prepared. A limited number are
available through the Conference office.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATES SUMMER CAMPS 1987



CAMP ADAMS

YOUNG ADULT	July 3-5
(For college and career-minded adults between the ages of 18 and 30)	
FAMILY	July 5-10
(For all who want to be part of the camp family)	
GENESIS	July 12-14
(For children who have completed 2nd grade)	
SENIOR ADULT	July 15-17
(For any adult who would like to attend)	
SEEKERS	July 19-25
(For children who have completed 3rd or 4th grades)	
DISCOVERERS	July 26-August 1
(For children who have completed 5th or 6th grades)	
SOJOURNERS	August 2-8
(For youth who have completed 7th or 8th grades)	
EXODUS	August 9-15
(For youth who have completed 9th through 12th grades)	
WOMEN'S CAMP	August 28-30



SPECIALIZED

PILGRIM COVE

WORKCAMP	July 3-4-5
(For families and individuals)	
GENESIS	July 6-9
(For children who have completed 2nd or 3rd grades)	
SEEKERS	July 12-18
(For children who have completed 4th or 5th grades)	
SOJOURNERS	July 19-25
(For youth who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grades)	
EXODUS	July 26-August 1
(For youth who have completed 9th through 12th grades)	
WOMEN'S RETREAT	August 7-10
SENIOR ADULT	September 4-7
(For any adult who would like to attend)	

SHAKESPEARE CAMP

July 16-17-18

WALLOWA MOUNTAIN TRAIL CAMP

August 2-8

(For senior high school through adult ages)

The Local Scene

WELCOME to The Reverend Alan Kelchner and family, who came to CPC from Michigan. Alan began his work as Senior Minister of First Congregational Church, Boise, on January 11.

CONGRATULATIONS to the members of First Congregational Church, Mtn. Home, on the completion of the addition to their building. The expansion provides new office and choir room space freeing up the old space for use as classrooms. This project is one part of a larger expansion plan at Mtn. Home.

On February 8, the members of First Congregational Church, Eugene, honored The Reverend Lloyd Stamp, posthumously, and Derelle Barber, by granting them Minister Emeritus status. Lloyd, granted Minister Emeritus designation, was on the church staff from 1958-68. Derelle, on the staff for some 20 years, was designated Director of Religious Education Emeritus.

Claudia Hudrik, a member of Smyrna UCC, recently was cited by the Salem Statesman Journal as volunteer of the week for her 25 years of service as a volunteer at Fairview Training Center. Congratulations, Claudia!

Challis Community Church, has called The Reverend Stan DeLong to be their pastor. Stan, who teaches public school music in Challis during the week, will also continue to serve as the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Salmon, Idaho.

Mary Sue Evers, Interim Minister at First Congregational Church, Pocatello, writes that the church there "is in the midst of a lambing season uniquely its own. Three committees have been born...to raise money and spearhead building renewal. The Deacons have begun a ...program of Bible reading, church attendance, and home devotions to encourage inner renewal. A class on "Practical Spirituality" begins next week. The choir is singing every Sunday..." Sounds like a very productive interim period.

Many in the Conference will know Ginny Cooper, from Hillsboro. Ginny is leaving her work at the Hillsboro Public Library for a new role in her life. She will marry The Reverend Jim Burnett and join him in Aurora, Colorado, where he is minister of Mt. View Community Church. Congratulations to Ginny and Jim!

GRANT AWARDED TO CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The Board for Homeland Ministries has provided a Family Thank Offering grant to a CPC project endorsed by the Christian Nurture Committee. The project receiving the grant focuses on the needs of divorcing persons and their families and the church's response to those needs. The conception and implementation of the project is the work of three members of Bethel Congregational Church, Beaverton: Susan Longaker, Maile Taylor and Elaine Wells.

Resources and program ideas will be developed to help churches become more aware of attitudes toward divorcing persons and sensitized to their needs. Workshops will be conducted that help to examine the barriers which may isolate divorcing individuals and their families. Programs will also be developed that address the special needs of children. In addition, resources as well as a study guide will be compiled for the church's ministry with the divorced.

Persons interested in this project can contact the project directors through Bethel Congregational Church.

BARRIER FREE RESIDENCE OPENS DOORS TO

YOUNG ADULTS WITH MULTIPLE HANDICAPS

The long road from dream to reality was completed in December when the first residents moved into Barrier Free Residence in Salem. The Residence provides a completely barrier-free environment for five young adults with multiple handicaps. The project, actively spearheaded by volunteer Margery Thomas of First Congregational Church, Salem, and overseen by a non-profit Board of Directors which has included CPC members and interested persons from Salem, has experienced many challenges which not only delayed but at times threatened its completion and necessitated modifications of the original concept.

Finally, in November, the Barrier Free Board of Directors signed a contract for program services with Spruce Villa, Inc., a Salem agency which has had significant experience in providing services to mentally handicapped adults. Spruce Villa was limited in its services because they did not have a barrier free residence. Barrier Free was looking for an organization with experience to provide programming for the residents of the BFR. Through the cooperation of the two groups a process which began in 1982 in the CPC Mission and Outreach Committee has been completed.

The Last Word

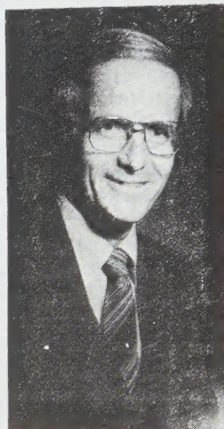
One of the more unforgettable characters I have known was my partner in college debate. Among his maxims was this: "Hit them on their assumptions." If you can identify those ideas that the other side is assuming, and call them into question, the rest of their case collapses.

One false assumption, which has been with us in the church since the sixties and needs to be identified and challenged, is that when the church is involved in institutional maintenance, such involvement comes at the expense of mission.

It seems to me that there is, and needs to be, a strong tension between the needs of immediate mission and the needs of the institution, but that the two are not fundamentally opposed. To put my view in its simplest form, we maintain our institutions so that there will be mission tomorrow as well as today.

We are in a time when immediate human need exercises a powerful claim on our resources and our passions. Homelessness, joblessness, domestic violence are but a few of the issues that literally stare us in the face, and the international list is longer than the national. It is tempting to say: "Chuck the institutional agenda, we can't afford to carry on business as usual!" Such statements develop a valuable tension, because they force institutions to defend and improve what they are doing. Yet they are dangerously romantic if they lead us to ignore our responsibility to be prepared for the crises of the future. Who will be on duty when tomorrow's crisis appears? The local churches, denominational, and ecumenical relief agencies. It is essential that they be strong and healthy.

Take a look at the grants given by Farm-Aid, Hands Across America, and U.S.A. For Africa. They are going to the ongoing institutions, because that is where you find the expertise, commitment, personnel, credibility, and delivery systems. Similarly, who responds to the needy in your community? It is local churches that house the homeless, maintain food banks, and the like.



Our conference is #1 per capita in the United Church of Christ in response to special appeals. Its a superb record. Keep it up. But don't short change the institutions - congregation, conference, denomination - that we ultimately count on to deliver the goods. Make sure that they are ready for tomorrow.

- Don Severson

MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

RECRUITING GERMAN EXCHANGE PARTICIPANTS

The Mission and Outreach Committee is in the process of recruiting three persons from the Conference to participate in the 1987 Exchange with the Evangelical Church of the Union in the German Democratic Republic. The dates for the Exchange will be October 20 through November 19. CPC participants will join a similar number from the Rocky Mountain Conference to comprise the full delegation.

The Board for World Ministries, which facilitates the Exchange, has suggested that the persons comprising the delegation be "persons who not only love the Church and its ministry, but share a commitment to ministries of peace and justice (which is a focus of the current exchange). German language capability, while highly recommended, is not required.

Persons participating in the program must be able to cover the travel expense between Oregon and Germany. Efforts will be made to provide limited scholarship help. Both clergy and laity are encouraged to apply.

Persons interested in applying or securing further information should contact Gene Ross at the Conference office.



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